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SUBJ: IMPORT RESTRICTIONS - COMPUTERS AND LOGS

REF (A) TOKYO 4823; (B) STATE 070936

SUMMARY: PRIME MINISTER AGREED TO POSTPONE
ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOJ LIBERALIZATION COMPUTER
IMPORTS UNTIL AFTER MAY 7 TALKS. GOJ STILL
CONSIDERING LOG IMPORT RESTRAINTS; WOULD BE VERY
HELPFUL HAVE PERSUASIVE EVIDENCE EXPORT CONTROL
LEGISLATION WOULD BE ADOPTED IF GOJ VOLUNTARY
IMPORT RESTRAINTS NOT UNDERTAKEN. ACCEPTABILITY
MAY 7 DATE FOR TRADE TALKS REAFFIRMED.

1. ECON/ MIN MET WITH MIYAZAKI, DIR- GEN, ECONOMIC
AFFAIRS BUREAU, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AT
MIYAZAKI' S REQUEST, TO DISCUSS STATUS COMPUTER
AND LOG PROBLEMS.

2. MIYAZAKI INDICATED COMPUTER PROBLEM DISCUSSED
AT VERY HIGH LEVEL GOJ, INCLUDING THREE MEETINGS
WITH PRIME MINISTER. FOREIGN INVESTMENT
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DELIBERATION COUNCIL PLANNING TO ISSUE REPORT
APRIL 25 RE DIRECT INVESTMENT INTO JAPAN. REPORT
TO INCLUDE GOJ PLANS RE COMPUTER INVESTMEFA
LIBERALIZATION. (NOTE: MIYAZAKI CONFIRMED PRESS
REPORTS THAT COMPUTER INVESTMENT TO BE
LIBERALIZED BY END OF 1975). GOJ TO ACT ON COUNCIL
REPORT APRIL 27.

3. ALTHOUGH PRIME MINISTER WANTED TO ANNOUNCE
LIBERALIZATION COMPUTER IMPORTS TOGETHER WITH
ANNOUNCEMENT RE INVESTMENT, HE AGREED TO
POSTPONE IMPORT LIBERALIZATION ANNOUNCEMENT
UNTIL AFTER MAY 7 TALKS.

3. RE LOG IMPORTS, MIYAZAKI INDICATED GOJ STILL
ACTIVELY CONSIDERING RESTRAINTS. MINISTRY OF
AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY APPARENTLY STILL
PRINCIPAL BOTTLENECK TO GOJ AGREEING TO RESTRAINTS.
SENIOR MAF OFFICIALS VERY RELUCTANT TO TAKE
SHARP POLITICAL CRITICISM FROM DIET AT TIME
WHEN GOJ BEING CHASTISED FOR PERMITTING INFLATIONARY
SITUATION TO DEVELOP. MAF STATES IT HAS
INSUFFICIENT SPECIFIC EVIDENCE RE IN-
EVITABILITY PASSAGE U. S. LOG EXPORT CONTROL
LEGISLATION TO WARRANT TAKING NECESSARY ACTION AND
TO JUSTIFY LOG IMPORT RESTRAINTS TO DIET.
COMMENT: IN VIEW OF ABOVE, EMBASSY BELIEVES ANY
DETAILS WASHINGTON COULD PROVIDE RE CURRENT
STATUS PENDING LEGISLATION, ASSESSMENT OF
CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT, LIMITATIONS ON USE OF
PRESIDENTIAL VETO, WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL. ALSO
SUGGEST ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE AMBASSADOR USHIBA
TO SEND MESSAGE INDICATING HIS ASSESSMENT OF
LIKELIHOOD ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION IF GOJ DOES
NOT UNDERTAKE VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT ARRANGLMENT.

4. MIYAZAKI RECONFIRMED ACCEPTABILITY MAY 7 DATE
FOR U. S.- JAPAN TALKS, AT WHICH TIME TSURUMI
WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY SENIOR GOJ OFFICIALS.
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